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Everybody walked in the room I mean everybody in the same room then walking around that room to sniff the walls as a type of appraisal of that room. The room. All the people in the room looked at the other people in the room to be looking at the people in the room and then the walls. Bowties. Nobody had on a bowtie. Sure, there were glasses and the less conspicuous contact lenses. There was no tipping back of the head to drip drops into eyes. All lens wearers were sufficiently moist in this room. The room then, it could be said, was not dry. The room was not damp, either. The lighting in the room was adequate. What the walls were doing in this room. The apple on the floor was frightening. And, also, avoided in conversation. It was as if every person in that room knew there was this apple and yet not one of them would mention it. A few even went so far as to step over the apple without a word. The apple controlled the room. It was a green apple. One of those

tart, tart Granny Smiths that can make a mouth tighten at the jaw just on a mention. Everyone in that room subconsciously assumed that the apple would be tart to bite into. All the apple avoiders walked in the room with the other apple avoiders and all were in this room the apple controlled. A T-storm was brewing outside the room and no one mentioned this, either. Many of the people in the room had left their car windows open and thought of this, but made no move to correct the situation. No matter the leather of the interior or a dry cleaned blouse hanging by that hook. The hook that most cars have right behind the driver's side window so all clothes blow onto the dog-haired backseat while on the highway home from the cleaners. The lights inside the room flickered with the storm. It was a good guess that the storm affected the power. That was the prevailing presumption. That the storm touched an electrical nerve somewhere in the grid and the lights in the room then dipped and threatened. One in the room thought it was more a reflection than a result. This person was always less concerned with causality than with manifestation.